

Regarding Docket 02-277, concerning deregulation of media ownership:

I am worried that the further deregulation of broadcast and print media will further decline credibility and accuracy of the news, and will also force companies competing with those who'll benefit from this deregulation to sink to a lower common denominator. If and when this comes to pass, many a potential work of excellence will probably be sacrificed in order to make room for dozens of "The Bachelor" and "American Idol" clones, among others. As it is, there are only a few shows on TV that actively challenge my imagination, and even PBS is starting to smack of commercialism. I do not write out of condescension or patronizing. I may only be eighteen years of age, but I know for sure that I don't want to spend the last sixty years or so of my life watching bad programming, especially the 'infotainment' that is given more treatment in the news than this important issue. I may only be one man, but by deregulating the media even further, the people will have less of a voice than they deserve. If democracy is to survive, they will need to adapt to these new actions, which would take years to do, or to call for no deregulation at all. Thank you for your time,  
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